

Present: James Fadden Jr, Roberta Vigneault, Charyl Reardon, Chad Morris, Steve Tower, and Emily Clark

Call to order at 5:40pm by Jim Fadden

Approve Minutes from November 15, 2017

Jim – Judy asked about the whole budget worksheets. Roberta stated that we will not need them until January 2018. No new ones will be printed until a request is made by the budget committee.

Motion made by Steve

Seconded by Charyl

Approved Unanimously

New Schedule & Time

Changes reflect eliminated meeting.

All meetings - Wednesdays at 5:30pm

November 15, 2017

November 29, 2017

December 6, 2017

December 20, 2017

January 10, 2017

January 18, 2017 \*Joint meeting with Lincoln Budget Committee (Thursday)

January 24, 2017

January 31, 2017

Review of Budgets:

**4210 – Police**

Presented by Chief Oleson

The Police Department proposed budget of \$592,221 is an \$11,720 increase over 2017.

Discussion:

Prosecution costs decreased. Cruiser costs remained the same. The capital outlay for rifles remained the same as the tasers from last year. It was decided to trade in current pistols rather than refurbish for a cost savings. It was decided to replace old rifles with new ones that will last longer.

Roberta asked if part-time payroll is different than fulltime. Yes was the response.

The decision was made to replace the current ~~V6 cruisers~~ <sup>V6 SUVs</sup> with ~~V8 SUVs~~ <sup>chargers</sup> because the ~~SUVs~~ <sup>chargers</sup> are more efficient, have all wheel drive, have similar mileage, have less maintenance, and it is projected that they may last up to 250,000 miles. Cruisers will be traded in as they are replaced.

Jim asked that Chief Oleson explain the new prosecution system in place. Current the police department is using Plymouth area attorney. He has had good luck with them. Due to increase hearings and more lengthy time until trial, there were many more occasions where an officer would have to be present. They current system will lessen that burden on the police force.

Chad asked if the cruiser costs include everything. The response was yes.

#### **4290 – Emergency Management**

Presented by Chief Oleson

The Emergency Management proposed budget of \$8,200 remains the same as 2017 for 2018.

#### **Discussion:**

Charyl asked why no money has been spent this year. Chief Oleson stated that money will be spent on the donated truck from White Mountain National Forest Service. The costs may include: new shelving, lettering, and transfer of materials from the old trailer currently in use. The old trailer will be donated to public works.

#### **4215 – Lin-wood Ambulance Service**

Presented by Pat Griffin

The Linwood Ambulance Service proposed budget of \$40,000 remains the same as 2017 for 2018.

#### **Discussion:**

Lin-wood Ambulance purchased a new ambulance last year at no cost to the town. The Selectmen support this budget.

#### **4220 – Fire**

Presented by Chief John Mackay

The Fire Department proposed budget of \$131,000 is a \$27,000 increase over 2017.

It was decided to add \$2000 for additional tools.

It was also decided to add additional money to the capital reserve to help offset the cost of replacing air packs in 2020. The Fire Department will also continue to apply for grants as well.

Engine 6 is scheduled for replacement in 2018. The old truck will be traded in and some of the additional costs will be financed. The quoted trade value is \$31,000, with a total cost of \$362,564. The Fire Department has applied for a USDA grant to help offset costs for this purchase.

Steve asked about discrepancy in prices between the pumper truck vs engine. The plan is to purchase the less expensive vehicle.

Jim stated that the ladder truck will be paid for this year. To cover the cost of the new truck, we will use some capital reserve money for the down payment and will finance the difference. There will also be a warrant article for additional costs.

Some money will remain in capital reserve to help support the upcoming air pack purchase (13) and purchase of trucks in years to come.

Audience question about purchase of air packs for all 21 firefighters. Chief Mackay stated that not all members of the fire department are certified to use air packs.

Steve asked if there was discussion about not replacing the tank truck. Chief Mackay does think we still need it.

A committee will be formed when the time comes to replace trucks to make the best choices.

Roberta asked about the costs related to the Dilly Forest Fire. We will be reimbursed for 50% of that by the state.

Charyl asked if there will be another payroll in December 2017. The response was yes.

Other Discussion:

Committee discussed voting on all budgets at the end of the budget process to have an overview of the entire budget. All agreed.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

\*Public Works Budget

Adjournment at 6:10pm

Motion made by Charyl

Seconded by Steve

Approved Unanimously

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Emily Clark, Budget Committee Secretary*

  
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Roberta Vigneault, Chairperson

Date 12/6/17

